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NAT LOVE, BETTER KNOWN AS "DEADWOOD DICK."

In 1869, at the age of 15, Nat Love wound up in the bustling town of Dodge, Kansas, where the ex-slave lined up a 30-dollar-a-month job as a cowpuncher.

For more than twenty years he took part in the long cattle drives that moved Texas beef up the Chisholm Trail to Kansas and points north. His life was like those of all other cowboys—hard and dangerous.

Then, on July 4, 1876, Love entered the rodeo at Deadwood City in the Dakota Territory. Years later he recalled his winning the roping and shooting contests, "Right then the assembled crowd named me 'Deadwood Dick' and proclaimed me champion roper of the Western cattle country."

In his 1907 autobiography, Love wrote, with obvious relish, of his many adventures. Like the time he was adopted by an Indian tribe. And when he rode one hundred miles in twelve hours on an unsaddled horse. And the day he tried to rope and steal a U.S. Army cannon. (His friend Bat Masterson got him out of that one.)

Nat liked telling, too, of how he rode into a Mexican saloon and ordered two drinks. One for himself. One for his horse.

Nat Love—cowpuncher, rider, roper, marksman, storyteller. One of the thousands of black cowboys who followed the trails of the Old West.

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